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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Snow in Country—
It is reported that there is five or six inches of snow out in the interior of the county.

Moved to Portland—
Thomas Nelson and family have moved to Portland to live. Mr. Nelson has been employed in the cannery business here for many years.

Water Rates—
This is the last day to pay the water rates at the regular charge. After today the extra 25 cents will be imposed.

Has Secured Contracts—
E. Gustafson, the well known builder and contractor received the cheerful news yesterday, from Washington, that he has been awarded the contracts for the building of four double sets of non-commissioned officers' quarters; the gymnasium and bowling alley, at Fort Stevens, at the contract figure, inclusive, of \$46,000. He expects to have the work underway in about 15 days.

Anti-Saloon League—
Superintendent Knodell of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League will be in Astoria next Sunday for the purpose of making several addresses. He will be at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock in the morning; at the Lutheran Free Church in Uppertown at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and will address a union mass meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at the Methodist church.

Another Little Citizen—
At the stroke of 6 o'clock last evening, at the home of Mrs. Nellie E. Parker, 34 Seventh street, there was ushered into the world another little citizen of Astoria, the son of Mr. and Thomas Stanfield, Dr. J. A. Fulton attending. Both mother and babe are reported as doing finely. Mr. Stanfield is the well known keeper of the light house at the mouth of the Willamette river and its junction with the Columbia, and he and Mrs. Stanfield are both well and happily known in this city.

More School Room—
At a meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon it was decided that it would be necessary to secure another room for the High School pupils, and while no definite place was agreed upon, it is said to be likely that a part of the playroom will be utilized. In this way one of the grades could be put in the play room and the grade room used for the High School pupils. It was also decided to employ another teacher in the McClure school, probably for the High School department.

How Long, O Lord, How Long?—
It is with no desire to profane that the above caption is used in this particular relation, but yesterday was the 60th day of turbulent and disagreeable weather to afflict this section, and as all the local weather prophets are at their wits end for a solution of the protracted problem and can give no reliable hint of cessation, the reporter naturally turns to the refuge of the "sweet singer of Israel" in the hope of an abatement. The tones of business, society, commerce, labor, are all dulling and flattening under the gray spirit of the storm and the wish for sunshine is simply universal down this way; therefore, the inquiry!

Watching Fish Legislation—
It is evident that Representative Leinenweber is watching fish legislation very closely, and he has stated that he does not intend to come home until the whole matter is settled. It is understood that he is devoting practically most of his time to a study of the fishing legislation, and to watching what the "other fellows" are doing, and if Mr. Leinenweber can see that the fish legislation is finally passed in a manner favorable or fair to Clatsop county he will earn the thanks of thousands down this way. As chairman of the house fish committee the whole matter is before him all the time.

County Court—
At the meeting of the county court yesterday bids were received for lumber to be used in planking the thoroughfare from the county road at Gearhart to Ocean Beach, a distance of about 4000 feet. The total cost of the job may approximate \$3500. The bid of the Westport Lumber Company was accepted as being the lowest. It made a bid of \$12 per thousand at Westport, and as the freight from there to Gearhart is seven cents per hundred it is estimated that the total cost per thousand will be \$12.80. This planking is to be done in lieu of the bridge which had been contemplated across the mouth of the Necanicum.

Another Cry of "Wolf"—
Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock the Astoria fire department was routed out on an alarm turned in from box No. 14, located at the Astoria Box Company, in East Astoria, and when the long run was made, it was ascertained that the box had been deliberately tampered with, with vicious intent, and the apparatus was sent back to quarters. This is the second time within a very short period that this thing has happened, and Fire Chief Foster is determined to ferret out the ignorant idiot that is indulging his folly or spite or animosity, whichever it may chance to be, and bring him to the punishment he so dearly deserves. There is a well founded suspicion as to who it is, now, in the department, and if he is caught, he will have a hard row to hoe between the "boys" and the law.

Tillamook Taxes—
Great dissatisfaction exists in Tillamook county over the excessive tax levy this year. The assessor increased the valuations over three millions, and the county court increased the levy from 13 to 15 mills, increasing the tax 40 per cent. Although practically 85 per cent of these taxes are paid by the timber owners of Tillamook county, still all classes are dissatisfied; the timbermen because the tax is excessive, and the county cruise made in 1908 at a cost of \$47,000, of which the timbermen have to pay 85 per cent; the farmers and others object to the levy of eight mills for road taxes as excessive. This levy will produce \$90,000, which is \$30,000 more than last year, \$120,000 has been spent on the roads during the past two years, and yet Tillamook County has not a stage road leading to a railway that can be traveled by team during the winter, passengers having to ride horseback part of the distance.

We have just secured the services of Mr. Julius Lindhardt from the 12th street market and we are now in a position to give our patrons the most prompt and satisfactory service in town. Braden-Adams Meat Company, 684 Commercial St.

Early Morning Fight—
Two loggers who give their names as Frank Phillips and Peat Huttala got into a fight in a saloon at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and the row ended when Huttala was thrown out through the window. As he went through the glass he cut his head quite severely. Police Officer Wilson took the men to the station, and he had his hands full in caring for them, for Phillips still wanted to keep on fighting and the blood kept spurting out of Huttala's head in tiny but steady streams. One or more of the small arteries had been severed. The city physician was hastily called, but by the time Dr. Reames arrived Huttala was in pretty weak condition. He became unconscious, but was soon fixed up and later became as spry as ever. Both Huttala and Phillips had been arrested a week ago for drinking and then were fined, but were given suspended sentences. These former sentences of five days each were invoked and both men will spend the rest of the week in the city jail.

Octette of Attractions—
Manager Frank Hanlin of the Astoria opera house, has some pleasant attractions to announce, and the Astorian takes pleasure in heralding the list, knowing that the people of this city will relish the prospect as well as the pleasing actualities, when they shall arrive in the early future. The immediate roster of genuine attractions for that house are: Wednesday, February 17th, Charles D. Hanford, in a superb Shakespearean presentation; Sunday, February 21st, Arthur Cunningham in "Kerry Gow"; February 24th, "A Stubborn Cinderella"; Monday, March 1st, "Uncle Tom's Cabin"; Friday, March 5th, "The Burgomaster"; Sunday, March 7th, Paul Gilmore in "Boys of Company B"; Thursday, March 11th, Harry Beraford in "Who's Your Friend?"; Sunday, March 14th, Daniel Sully, in the "Peacemaker." And after these, in April, come Norman Hackett, Lillian Russell, and John Drew. Perhaps that will keep you interested for a month or so!

Circuit Court—
The February term of the circuit court will convene next Monday, when there are a number of both criminal and civil cases set for trial. On Tuesday a grand jury will be drawn, and it is understood that it will be asked to investigate various matters in the city, probably including the alleged gambling and Sunday closing violations. The last grand jury did very little along these lines, though the matters were presented in a perfunctory way. With 95 governmental licenses, and only 52 saloons in the city, it is said to be probable that some examination is to be made at the instance of the prosecuting attorney's office as to the character of the other places. The odd part of the matter is that the saloonkeepers who pay their \$400 annually don't seem to care a hang about the illegitimate places which pay nothing. The case of Anton Kaljis of Clifton, charged with selling liquors in a dry precinct, will be heard, as will a similar case against William Nyberg of this city.

Reward For Murderer—
At the session of the county court yesterday a reward of \$25 was offered for the arrest of the murderer of the Greek at Clifton. So cold-blooded was the crime that it has attracted much attention in many quarters. A rumor became current in this city yesterday that a posse had been formed at Clifton for the purpose of hunting for the murderer in the forests back of Clifton, but investigation shows that this rumor was not correct. At Clifton it is presumed the man has escaped and probably gone into Portland. Mousous, the supposed murderer, was believed to have been seen Saturday night at Clatskanie, from where he may have easily reached the metropolis. The belief that he was seen appears to be pretty well substantiated, and if so it proves to a moral certainty that he is the man wanted. Were Mousous to have also disappeared, without the slightest trace of him, there then might have been left the suspicion that both men had been murdered for their money, and that one body had been sunk in the river, or otherwise disposed of. But the facts seem to be in accordance with the findings of the coroner's jury; that Mousous killed his traveling companion and then fled. His whole crime seems to have been a bungling one, for a hue and cry was inevitable a few hours after daylight. Yet despite the fact that the crime was committed in that sparsely settled country, where every outsider is usually observed by everyone, the man has apparently made good his escape in the four days that have elapsed. It is said Mousous was seen on the way to Portland with a companion, whose identity is unknown.

AN ASTORIA ANNEX TO THE A. Y. EXPOSITION

EX-MAYOR WISE OFFERS A FEW SUGGESTIONS AS TO LOCAL EXPANSION.

"Ye editor," on returning to his office yesterday afternoon, found a card on his desk indicating that he had been called upon by "Herman Wise, of Chicago, Illinois and of New York City, but principally of Astoria," and he straightway returned the call, thinking to get an item from so prolific a source; nor was he mistaken. He found the ex-mayor in excellent health, a bit weary from his long journey, but still in the ring, out of politics and again engaged in merchandizing. In the course of an interesting talk of his trips across the continent, the Alaska-Yukon Exposition was broached, and Mr. Wise had the following to say about the opportunity it offered to Astoria to lure a fair per centage of the half-million Easterners, who were due to come out to see the great Seattle show down to the mouth of the Columbia river. Said he: "Every city in the Northwest will want to have all of these people it is possible to attract, to visit them, during the progress of the Yukon fair and it is safe to admit that all are studying right now how best to draw their interest and how to entertain them. We should be thinking the matter out for Astoria, and as far as we realize a potent idea, put it up to the Chamber of Commerce, make it public and bestir ourselves to win our share of the intercourse and the patronage incident to the coming of such a huge throng. These people will have traveled a long way to get to this coast, and will not want to leave it without having practically exhausted its places and matters of interest. We must have something ready to advertise and exhibit to them when they come.

"On my way home I had a good deal of time to indulge in consecutive thinking and I devoted a bit of it to this subject, it being the part of a good citizen and an ex-mayor not to forget his home city in such a premise and I conceived the idea of establishing a mimic hatchery here, with the assistance of the State Fish Warden, Mr. McAllister, and others in the department, illustrating the whole scheme of fish development from beginning to end, showing every step pursued by the Government in the propagation of the spawn, eggs, fry and fingerling, in itself a matter of profound interest to any intelligent man. This might also be backed by a fine exhibit of our woods, worked and unworked, our box-out-put, our shingle-out-put, and all the specialties in wood-milling, flanked by a fine specimen of a Benson sea-raft anchored in the channels off the city to show the masterful way in which we handle that commodity in bulk. Then we might face an artistic display of the Columbia river salmon industry, with a detached cannery plant in full operation on a small scale, with the packing attractive array at hand.

"We might add a room in which the farm and dairy products and processes could be shown at a glance, the whole section, including the country from the Nehalem to Gray's River, to be incorporated in the display. I cannot recall all I thought out in this relation, but this is enough to give an inkling of what might be done; and in case such steps shall be taken, they must be duly advertised at the proper times and places, of course. And, by the way, while I am out of the Regatta field this year, save as a private citizen and always concerned for this annual feast of ours, it may be in order to suggest that the water sports this year might be enhanced and made as strong as possible, to augment this very proposition to bring these people over this way at that particular season. We will need all the people we can get at that time, and the Astoria annex to the Alaska-Yukon Fair would not be complete without a magnificent Regatta. Yes, I know there are still other things of importance and interest that may be added to this list, and for one I shall be glad to see something done in this behalf, and will do my part, as a private citizen to further the plan, if any shall be adopted.

Mr. Wise spoke earnestly in this matter and his ideas are well worth following up to a climax of practical demonstration, for the sake of living up to the trade and extending the name and fame of the city this year.

Freight Agents in Session—
The regular monthly meeting of the transportation men of this city took place yesterday at the office of General Agent Giles R. Johnson, of the A. & S. Company, at which he, and Mr. Sheedy, of that line, George W. Robert of the O. R. & N. Co., and Jack Day, of the Kamm Line, were present. There seemed to be a fair amount of business transacted during the session, but just what its nature was, deponent saith not. Anyway there was no "riot-call" sent into the basement of the city hall, and the presumption is the conference was entirely peaceful and successful. W. H. Ormsby, the well known traveling freight agent of the N. P. acted as "outside guardian" for the meeting and as he is making his first appearance here since he became the father of "his first" he entertained all visitors on the side with an elaborate detail of the endless fine points of little "Miss Ormsby."

REALTY TRANSFERS

E. Z. Ferguson and wife and D. M. Stuart and wife to Abstract Title & Trust Co., lots 5 and 6, section 26, and lots 7 and 8, in section 27, all in T. 8 N., R. 10 W.; \$100.
D. M. Stuart and wife to Abstract Title & Trust Co., lot 1, block 10, town of Warrenton; \$10.
L. H. Yoder and wife to Isaac S. Labowitch, parcel of land in T. 4 N., R. 10 W.; \$10.
Otto J. Kraemer to Mary E. Gloss, west 30 feet of lot 5, and east 15 feet of lot 6, block 5, Railroad addition to Ocean Grove; \$250.
W. T. Scholfield and wife to Lydia A. Carlyle, lot 4, block 2, Ocean Grove Annex; \$1.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. P. Rothermel of San Francisco was in the yesterday, a guest at the Occident.
Hon. R. D. Inman, state pilot commissioner, was in the city yesterday on official business.
Dr. Fred Peacock has left the pleasant precincts of St. Mary's hospital, and will probably return to his Cathlamet home today. He is still weak, but ambitious to resume his practice and attend to things generally up at his home town.
Mrs. Horace B. Thing of McGowan's came over to the city yesterday, on a visitor to friends.
Trefly Benoit, who has been the guest of his brother, Joseph Benoit, of this city, for several weeks, departs on the evening train today, for his home in Lakewood, New Jersey. Mr. Benoit is favorably impressed with Astoria and has made friends enough here to warrant him in settling here some day, which those friends will be glad to hear of at any time.
Messrs. A. L. Lovelace, manager of agents, and Fred M. Rowley, traveling auditor of the Equitable Savings & Loan Association of Portland, were in the city yesterday in the interest of that admirable institution.

AMMUSEMENTS

CHARLES HANFORD COMPANY
Mr. Charles B. Hanford's present tour has been made the occasion of the most brilliant series of productions with which he has ever been associated. This is saying much, for Mr. Hanford is recognized today as a leader in his profession; one who preserves its most worthy traditions and yet who believes in providing every accessory that modern stage craft can devise. Only the best plays that have graced the English language engage Mr. Hanford's interest. This season he will present a series of resplendent productions of "The Merchant of Venice," "Othello," "The Taming of the Shrew," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "The Winter's Tale." Not only does this tour present in Mr. Hanford a star whose popularity might unaided be relied upon to win public approbation, but the supporting company presents a most distinguished list of players, including that now celebrated portrayer of classic feminine roles, Miss Marie Drofnab. The stage settings and costumes have been designed and are executed on a scale commensurate with the determination to make this season a pre-eminent one in Mr. Hanford's career. Neither scholarship, artistry nor expense has been spared in securing historic accuracy, beauty and richness. The date of Mr. Hanford's engagement at the Astoria Theatre is Wednesday, February 17, on which occasion he will present "The Taming of the Shrew."

COMMISSIONER INMAN TAKES HIS PLACE

FEBRUARY SESSION OF OREGON BOARD OF PILOTS HELD YESTERDAY.

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Oregon Board of Pilot Commissioners assembled at the office of Commissioner Frank J. Taylor in the I. O. O. F. building, for the regular February session, with President A. V. Pendleton of Portland, in the chair; Secretary Ross in charge of the records and Commissioners F. J. Taylor and R. D. Inman, attending.
Mr. Inman is the newly appointed commissioner, named by Governor Chamberlain, in succession of the Hon. Sylvester Farrell, and is a prominent business man of Portland, being one of the famous milling firm of Poulsen-Inman Company of that city. Mr. Inman is admirably fitted for the post having fairly wide knowledge of marine matters on the river and bar, and being a steamship owner himself, the steamers Johan Poulsen and R. D. Inman belonging to his company, beside several smaller craft used in connection with the lumbering end of his affairs. He was duly sworn to serve and took his seat yesterday with the board, giving interested attention to the detail of business as it passed.
The board renewed the branches of the following bar captains, to-wit: Archie Cann, Rennett Swensen, Michael Nolan and M. D. Staples; and this, with the auditing of the current accounts of the board, concluded the business of the day.
At its close a reporter for the Morning Astorian had the pleasure of interviewing Commissioner Inman, and found that he has a very definite and intelligent concern in the commercial affairs of the Columbia, from the head of navigation to its mouth and bar, and is possessed of a desire to see its commerce enhanced and secured in all practical ways; and he gave the cheerful assurance that he intended to employ his good will and influence, as merchant, citizen and commissioner to that end without prejudice in any direction, and he looks to be just that sort of man. He is pleasant, affable, thoroughly informed and competent, and his place on this board is a matter of gratulation here and over the State. He returned to the metropolis on the evening train.

AFTER THE HAZERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—The Secretary of War is directed to furnish the House with all reports and recommendations relative to the subject of hazing at the West Point Military Academy since January 1, 1908, by a resolution which has been introduced by Representative Hay of Virginia. The Secretary also is required to submit the reports and correspondence relating to the cadets who were reported as deficient in studies or to conduct as a result of the late general examination.

Home-Made Goodies.

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